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Mr. Richard M. Helms, Director
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Dear Mr. Helms:

The ~~Dictionary of American History~~ projected and originally edited by James Truslow Adams and a distinguished group of advisers, is being completely revised.

At the request of the Board of Editors, I am writing to ask whether you will do us the honor of joining in the project and, specifically, if you (or perhaps someone on your staff) will contribute the article on the Central Intelligence Agency.

We have in mind a 400-word article that will define briefly the history, structure, and purpose of the CIA as a federal agency. We are able to offer an honorarium of \$16.00, and we would like to have the article in hand by 1 August 1973.

If you accept, we will send you a copy of our Directions to Contributors, which describes the purpose, scope, and style of the work and which contains a number of sample articles from the present edition. We do hope you will find time to accept this commission, and look forward to receiving an affirmative reply from you soon.

Sincerely,

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